

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1, 5, 14, 18, 27, 29, 30 and 32 are pending in the application. Of these, claims 1, 14, 15, 18, 27 and 30 are rejected while claims 5, 29 and 32 are objected to.

Attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 13, 2005 and the two Japanese patent documents cited in it. The citation of these documents arose from an Official Action issued in the counterpart Japanese application. As these documents have been timely noticed and submitted, acknowledgement of receipt and consideration of these documents is requested in the next communication.

The examiner has indicated that claims 1, 27 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten to respond to the objection made under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Claims 5, 29 and 32 are objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim as is claim 15.

In the Official Action the examiner rejects claims 1, 14, 15, 27 and 30 as being indefinite for use of the term "mainly". The term "mainly" is defined by the 2003 Merriam-Webster dictionary as "for the most part :Chiefly" *see* the attached print. The Official Action also indicates that the examiner construes the term to be "more than 50% by weight". Thus to be consistent with the examiner's interpretation of the claims, claims 1, 14, 27 and 30 have been amended to remove the term "mainly" and to specify an amount of more than 50 wt% of the specified oxide. Accordingly, the terminology used in claims 1, 14, 27 and 30 is consistent with the manner in which the claims have been examined and interpreted. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

In a separate rejection, claims 14 and 18 are rejected as being anticipated by JP 11-066952. In response to this rejection, the subject matter of allowable claim 15 has been incorporated into claim 14. As claim 18 depends from claim 14, both claims 14 and 18 are allowable. Claim 15 has been withdrawn as being redundant.

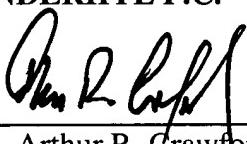
Further favorable consideration of this application is requested. Should the examiner require further information, please contact the undersigned.

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Main Entry: **main·ly**
Pronunciation: 'mān-lē
Function: *adverb*
Date: 13th century

1 *obsolete* : in a forceful manner
2 : for the most part : CHIEFLY